

New German Gas Puzzles British

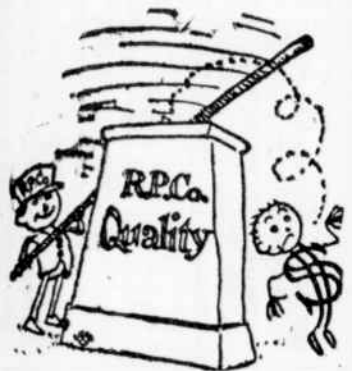
Medical Officers Study Poisonous Fumes That Blind and Kill

HAZEBROUCK, France, Aug. 9.—British medical officers are trying to determine the nature of the new poison used, it is believed, for the first time, by the Germans on the French town of Hazebrouck, near the Belgian frontier. The poison bears a resemblance to the gas which temporarily blinded a large number of British troops a fortnight ago, but its effects are infinitely more serious.

A number of persons taken from ambulances are in a grave condition. Many others have died in hospitals. The new poison was first observed with the firing into the town of a hail of shells too small to break the paving. These contained neither powder nor gas, but a colorless liquid which spread over the soil, in the streets and in the courtyards and gardens. Where the shells burst traces of the noxious liquid were found hours afterward. As the liquid evaporated it produced a heavy gas which penetrated from room to room and descended into cellars. It was insidious in character and seemed to make more victims among women than men, clinging about their hair. The fumes of tobacco seemed to act as an antidote in the case of men.

The victims at first were affected in the bronchial tubes, then their eyes swelled, and eventually they lost their sight. They had a feeling of burning inside and an incessant cough and fever. The skin turned an earthy color, and in several cases death followed rapidly. Occasionally the victims were affected by terrible hallucinations and delirious laughter.

Negroes Protest to Wilson
CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—The Board of Bishops and the National Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church adopted resolutions here to-day in regard to race riots, to be sent to President Wilson. The resolutions allege that while the President has the power he has taken no steps and uttered no protest.



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'Au Travail, Garçon,' Echo French To American Sammies' 'Ataboy'

Though English Dictionaries Failed to Blue-Print Slogan of the Bleachers, a Paris Writer Finally Found an Equivalent—United States Soldiers Pitching Bombs

By HEYWOOD BROWN

A French Port, July 11.—The stoker who led off for the navy team swung at a wide one. Though he missed, he swung with might and determination, and from the bench a comrade shouted approvingly "Attaboy!" Almost instantly there came a louder cry from the small group of natives who watched the baseball game with puzzled interest. "Au travail, garçon," said the Frenchman.

His motive was excellent and the fault was due entirely to a popular Parisian newspaper. A reporter of "L'Intransigeant," who possessed a fair working knowledge of English, was much puzzled during the Independence Day festivities by an American who greeted each contingent of his countrymen with the slogan "Attaboy!" The reporter returned to his office and looked in English dictionaries and various works of reference without enlightenment. Several English friends were unable to help him and an American who had lived for twenty years in Paris proved no more useful. Not until a week had passed was he able to gain the information which permitted him to write an informative article for the French public.

"Parisians have been puzzled," he wrote, "by the phrase 'attaboy!' which Americans are prone to employ in moments of stress or emotion. The phrase is a contraction of 'at her, boy' and may be closely approximated by 'au travail, garçon.'" The writer followed with a brief history of the friendly relations of France and America and a glowing tribute to the memory of Lafayette. He suggested that the best way to draw France and America more closely together was to encourage the study of English by the French and French by the Americans. He even went so far as to suggest that his countrymen should acquaint themselves with some of the colloquial and slang expressions of America. That was why the stout French rooster threw back his head and shouted "au travail, garçon!" The encouragement offered did not avail. The stoker also swung at the next ball, which was wide, and it was his third strike. It is true that the catcher dropped the ball, but he had plenty of time to do so, for the runner eventually won from the marines by a score of 9 to 5.

Baseball itself cannot be said to have captured the French. Their pretended interest is largely political. The whole thing seems to them

singularly pointless. And yet an officer of the French army was moved to sincere admiration of the value of baseball training at the American camp this afternoon. A box of grenades was brought to camp and the officer volunteered to give the men some unofficial instruction in their use.

"These men can throw further and are more accurate than our own men," he explained after an hour's practice, "and we are far better bomb throwers than the Germans. I suppose baseball accounts for it."

The officer said that the best bomb throw in the French Army was 73 metres. This would be about 79 yards. This throw was measured at a special trial for distance. He was under the impression that the bomb throwing distance of the French soldier in battle was from 45 to 70 metres. German troops, he declared, seldom were able to do better than 40 metres, and the French if advantageously placed could bomb them with impunity. Next to accuracy and much more important than distance is speed. It is said that in one attack the Moroccan division threw 250,000 grenades, and the officer said that he himself had seen twenty-six men throw 8,000 bombs in three and a half hours. As far as results go the best known record is that of eight men who cleared a German trench in which seventy dead were found. The attackers suffered no loss.

The bomb with which the Sammies experimented to-day is of the type known to the English Tommies as the cricket ball. This seems to have superseded the hair brush, the jam-tin and the policeman's truncheon. The cricket ball is a time bomb. The removal of a pin sets the fuse going, and in about five seconds the thing is gone. Older types required as much as ten seconds, and these were the bombs which were sometimes caught on the fly and hurled back at the attackers. Even now the straight line throw of the American baseball player is apt to bring the missile to its destination too soon. There is need for teaching Americans to arch 'em over. Deliveries such as Matty's fadeaway are likely to prove effective and popular.

The bombs with which the boys played to-day were not loaded and were a little lighter than those required for more serious work. Still, there seems little question that any trained professional baseball player, particularly an outfielder, should have little trouble in bettering the French record as far as distance goes. The record baseball throw is something over 133 yards, and if there is a Speaker, a Harry Hooper or Jack Murray in the American invading army new distance records may be expected when the bombs begin to fly.

spirit already pervades the young American army. Under the best circumstances the training of soldiers in the ever-changing methods of modern war is a labor requiring months of patient, painstaking effort. A thousand of the most valiant and valuable men in the British army, for instance, did not step a foot in France until after they had had a whole year of training at home.

On the other hand, Germany called up boys of seventeen years at the beginning of last September and sent many of them into the trenches after only six weeks of infantry training, chiefly in marching and close order drill. This was possible because these boys were merely distributed among old, seasoned troops—stop gaps in the ranks of decimated divisions.

Six months is nearer the ideal training period, but this rule applies to armies which have been fighting three years and have all the machinery established, through which the men are passed smoothly and unendingly toward the front.

The building of this machinery—the great engine of war which works behind the lines—is the staggering task now being dealt with. It is a task in a way greater than anything that France or Great Britain has called upon to do, for America's problems are those of France and Great Britain multiplied by 3,000 miles of Atlantic Ocean.

The army that is here realizes all these difficulties, but it also has an unshakable faith in American genius for accomplishment, and, above all others, in the American will.

Red Cross Survey Sails for France

Plans to Rebuild Devastated Part; William Allen White to Go Later

Dr. E. M. Hopkins, president of Dartmouth College; Dr. Albert Parker Fitch, president of the Andover Theological Seminary, and Bishop Charles D. Williams, of Michigan, have sailed for France as members of a special commission appointed by the War Council of the American Red Cross to conduct a survey looking toward the reconstruction of the reconquered portions of France.

William Allen White, editor of "The Emporia (Kan.) Gazette," and Henry Allen, editor of "The Wichita (Kan.) Beacon," the other members of the commission, will sail within a few days.

To Supply Farm Implements

The purpose of the survey, Mr. White explained yesterday, will be not only to see in what ways the recently collected \$100,000,000 Red Cross fund is being spent, but to map out the work and organization of a reconstruction and social service commission to be sent later. This commission will supply farming implements to those whose property was destroyed or confiscated by the Germans, will supervise social service work among the impoverished families and aid them to again become self-supporting.

But probably most important of all will be the work of the survey commission when it returns to the United States. While abroad the members will form a good idea as to what funds will be necessary for carrying on the future work and they will make tours of the country, speaking and writing in behalf of future funds that may be raised. Mr. White will confine his services to writing articles for the public, the public is being spent and why future demands will be made.

"The commission that will follow us to France will undertake a work even

more vast than that of the hospital and nursing service of the Red Cross," said Mr. White. "It will add to the other good works that the Red Cross is doing that of social surgery and economic reconstruction."

"This branch of the work will increase as the war goes on. My private opinion is that the war will last at least

four years longer. I believe it will take that long to drive the Germans back across their frontier."

"As they retire and leave devastated districts in their rear, the territory which we must cover will increase and our work of reconstruction be proportionately augmented. And our work in France will not be all. Later will come

the work of reconstruction in Serbia and Poland and the other smaller countries and principalities devastated by the scourge of war. Our work will be more in the nature of an inspection trip and survey to acquaint the American people who are asked to give their dollars with the ways in which their money is being spent and how it must

be spent in the future. "There is no other nation save the United States to whom these war sufferers can turn for help, and there is none other equipped and prepared with the necessary resources to shoulder the gigantic task of reconstruction and economic readjustment that must be undertaken."

Doctors Order Rest for Taft
CLAY CENTRE, Kan., Aug. 9.—Physicians to-day announced that former President William Howard Taft, who was taken ill here, had passed a comfortable night. They declared it might be necessary for him to take a longer rest than was contemplated.



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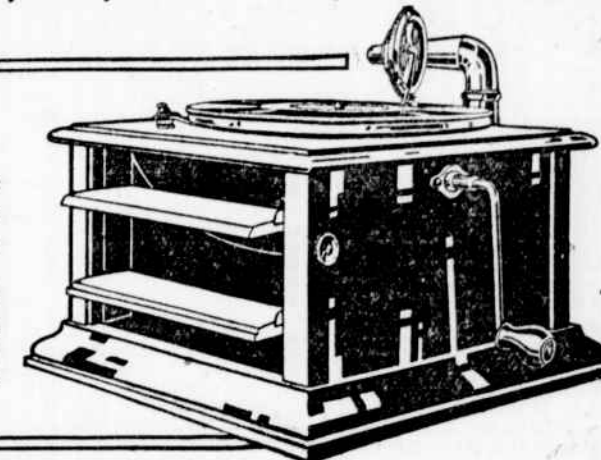
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